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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING: PORTUGAL

1. ON APRIL 10, NOEL DORR, SPEAKING FOR IRISH EC PRESIDENCY, BRIEF-
ED US ON DISCUSSIONS OF EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS APRIL 8 AND 9. (OTHER
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TOPICS SEPTELS.) THE PARTICIPANTS, HE SAID, WERE NOT ABLE TO ARRIVE
AT ANY DECISIONS ON PORTUGAL, EVEN THOUGH THEY FELT SOME REAL

PRESSURE TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE EC ROLE. THERE WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, A GREATER SENSE OF URGENCY THAN IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON CYPRUS. DORR USED THE MEETING TO PASS ON POINTS WE HAD EARLIER GIVEN HIM ABOUT AMERICAN INTEREST IN A CONSTRUCTIVE EC ROLE (STATE 075088). HIS PERSONAL OPINION WAS THAT THE NINE WILL HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING MORE TO DO IN PORTUGAL. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AREAS IN WHICH PORTUGAL HAS INTENSIVE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND EACH OF THESE WILL BE EXAMINED.

2. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, HOWEVER, TOOK NO DECISION ON POSSIBILITY OF AN EC DEMARCHE IN LISBON AT THIS TIME. DORR NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL EC COUNTRIES HAVE MADE BILATERAL APPROACHES TO THE PORTUGUESE, AND THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSED THESE. SOME PARTICIPANTS FELT THAT THE PORTUGUESE MIGHT BE GETTING A LITTLE TIRED OF REPEATED DEMARCHES. SOME ALSO NOTED THAT COSTA GOMES, WHEN APPROACHED BY EC MEMBERS, HAD BEEN USING THE "MOTHER-IN-LAW" LINE: "WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME TODAY?" DORR APOLOGIZED FOR FACT THAT HE ALWAYS TELLS US NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED, BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT EC HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY ADEQUATE MEANS OF EXPRESSING ITS VERY REAL CONCERN.
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